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Application: 10/631,153 Group: 2636  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TEMPORARY MUTING OF  
SMOKE ALARMS

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [X] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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X	\$ 100	\$
+	\$ 180	\$

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X	\$ 200	\$
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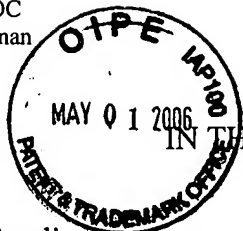
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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 25, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: